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Meeting of Guatemalan Group
Monday, June 14, 1954

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1. Draft Resolution

(a) Holland has received revised "whereas" clauses.

(b) In view of the message from Haleady, Atwood was to ascertain whether or not Chiriboga had gone to Ecuador. If he had not, he was to tell Chiriboga that we do not question their acquisition of arms from Yugoslavia. If Chiriboga with this information could not obtain Ecuadoran support, Atwood may have to visit Quito for that purpose.

(c) While the message from Sparks is somewhat ambigious, it was agreed that it seemed to indicate acceptance of the operative portion of the draft resolution. No further action was decided for the time being.

(d) Holland called Connally at Caracas and asked him to go to Rio to talk to Rao in an effort to get his support for the draft resolution. This trip was made necessary by Rao's position that Brazil wished to go to the conference without any prearranged agreements on the draft resolution. It was noted that if Brazil could be won over, she could be helpful with Paraguay and Peru. Holland indicated that if Brazil were not among the 14 needed for passage of the resolution, we would still go to the conference.

(e) Dreier was assigned responsibility for drafting notes from Secretary Dulles to the Foreign Ministers of those countries who have indicated approval of the text of the draft resolution requesting agreement that there would be no changes in the draft resolution at the conference without approval of all the co-sponsors. In the interest of speed, these notes were to be wired to our Embassies for immediate delivery with an indication that the notes signed by Dulles were on the way.

2. Calling the Meeting

(a) Dreier was to get out a circular instruction to our Embassies in those countries which have agreed to the draft resolution requesting them to ask those governments to join with all who have approved the draft resolution in signing the letter to the OAS Council calling for the meeting. By way of argument, the Embassies were to point out that at Caracas the political and economic problems were outlined; we planned to do something on the political problems at Montevideo and on the economic problems at the Rio Conference. They were to indicate that it would be much easier to do something at Rio if the Montevideo conference were successful.

(b) Dreier was asked to circulate to the members of the group his draft letter calling the meeting and his draft resolution by which the Council will convoke the Montevideo meeting.

(c) Dreier will carry on advance consultation with the OAS Ambassadors on the draft resolution and with respect to the procedures to be followed by the Council in convoking the Montevideo meeting.

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(d) It was decided that Dreier will represent the U.S. at the Council meeting.

(e) It was agreed that suggestions would be made informally with respect to the speeches of the LA Ambassadors at the Council meeting. In accepting the order of precedence of the OAS Council for the speeches, it was noted that the U.S. is ninth and that only Mexico and Ecuador, who are not yet supporting the draft resolution, will precede us.

(f) It was decided that we would stick to the Rio Treaty rather than the OAS Charter for the time being. At the meeting with the nine LA Ambassadors yesterday, it was noted that all the Ambassadors preferred to use the OAS Charter because it was softer and only 11 votes were needed. L is reviewing what action can be taken under the Charter.

3. Date of Meeting

Holland indicated that there were two alternatives (a) July 8, 9, 10 and (b) June 30, July 1, 2. The first is the more preferable for the present.

4. Preparation of the Case

(a) Sanders reported that a memorandum was on its way to Holland containing the draft sections of the case completed thus far.

(b) Holland asked that Sanders consider including the statement of the Guatemalan Ambassador at Panama to President Remón that Guatemala had purchased the Alfhem arms from Mexico. Sanders noted that there was some question as to whether this statement is a lie.

5. Membership of U.S. Delegation

Jamison reported that a memorandum would soon be in Holland's hands on this subject; he noted that it would be difficult to make the delegation less than 12 to 15.

6. Anticipating and Rebutting Guatemalan Maneuvers

(a) It was noted that Guatemala had sought support from Salvador and Costa Rica for a different type of meeting and that these two countries had rejected the offer. We should anticipate more requests of this sort.

(b) Ex-President Arevalo is now in Montevideo. It was agreed that adequate plans of the CIA and USIA were in operation and no further decisions were needed for the time being.

(c) Holland was to tell Mora of Betancourt's plans to go to Montevideo and to urge the Uruguayan Government to keep him out.

(d) Holcomb reported that Toriello would soon make a tour of LA and it was decided that Vieland, Atwood and Burrows would draft an instruction to our Embassies outlining the nature of this trip and guidance on what the Embassies should do.

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Among other things, the instruction should note (1) that Toriello would be contacting the "friends" group, (2) that he would be persuading these governments that this was a U.S.-Guatemalan case, ~~and~~ (3) that he would say that this is a matter that should be taken up in the Security Council, and (4) a list of questions which the Foreign Ministers might ask Toriello.

(e) Wieland, Ferron, Holcomb and Leddy were to study the problem of sending two exiled Guatemalans on a tour through LA to tell their own story. If and when Toriello's trip is taken, they may be geared to it. Holland wished a report on recommendations before the end of today.

7. Publicity

(a) Wieland was to make appropriate play on the fact that even though the UFCO strike in Guatemala has been settled, the U.S. is still pursuing the Communist problem.

(b) Wieland and Leddy were to determine if they had a story concerning the amount of arms destined for Guatemala which have been stopped and to make recommendations to Holland concerning publicity.

(c) Wieland recommended against taking publicity action regarding Guatemalan coffee. It was agreed that certain actions handled carefully and only within Guatemala would be best.

(d) Pawley agreed to be helpful with respect to the Scripps-Howard newspaper.

(e) Even though Somoza has revealed to newsmen the contents of the document "Communist Party in Guatemala", Holland maintained the decision against distribution of this document to reporters here.

Julian - Pawley was to see Mrs. Shipley about getting Julian's passport picked up immediately.

Jorge Toriello - Leddy reported that Westinghouse did not want to act unless State demands it. Holland was to call Knox.

8. Arms to Costa Rica

(a) Atwood and Warren were to prepare a message to Caracas to inform Otañez that we were planning to ship a small quantity of arms to Costa Rica, but that they would not be delivered very soon. The purpose would be to prepare Otañes for the delivery.

(b) Holland was to give Burrows a memorandum showing our great interest in getting the arms delivered to Costa Rica as soon as possible, which he could show to Facio to prove our great interest.

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